

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for treating primary biliary cirrhosis ~~or bile duct disappearance syndrome~~ caused by an immunological mechanism which comprises comprising the step of administering a Fas antagonist an anti-Fas ligand antibody to a patient in need thereof, and inhibiting apoptosis mediated by Fas, wherein the anti-Fas ligand antibody suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.

9-16. (cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing and treating bile duct disappearance syndrome caused by an immunological mechanism which comprises the step of administering a Fas antagonist an anti-Fas ligand antibody to a patient in need thereof and inhibiting apoptosis mediated by Fas, wherein the anti-Fas ligand antibody suppresses binding between Fas and Fas ligand.

18. (cancelled)